

Wards 4 and 7 NPA
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130 Gosse Court Miller Center
Draft Minutes

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Steering Committee present-Matt Hurlburt-Ward 7, Jim Holway-Ward 4, James Loop-Ward 7, Eric Corbman-Ward 4

Burlington Telecom (BT), Abby Tykocki Marketing and Public Relations Director

Will present on new storefront in North End, digital inclusion program and cord cutting. BT is internet, landline, and cable provider that serves only Burlington. Can bring these services into homes and businesses. New BT location is in Ethan Allen shopping Center. New location has a lot of parking and on ground so good for mobility issue. Have full time customer service and tech support at new location. There is a classroom in the location and has cord cutting test lab. All the little devices below the TV which is Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire Stick and Chrome Cast. Cord cutting is doing away with traditional cable service and streaming services such as Hulu, Netflix, and YouTube. Will be having a cord cutting clinic starting on July 12th on Thursdays between noon-1pm that will dive into specifics topics such as what is cord cutting, is my TV a smart, TV what is Roku. Can stop in the store anytime for questions and can set meeting with rep to review current cost and how much can save if cord cut, viewing habits, and BT can recommend any new services. BT believes that high speed internet is an essential utility such as water, gas, and electricity. Have 2 digital inclusion programs so every household can have access to high-speed internet service and have the ability to afford this service. First program is Edu-Net for families with children in the Burlington School District. If have child that gets for free and reduce lunch get 25 megabit per second internet service for \$9.95 plus tax a month. Second program is Lifeline which is a federal program. This are two parts to this program. The federal life line that gives \$9.25 monthly credit to apply to land line, broad band, or mobile. To qualify need to fill out an application and there's also income base tiers. Once qualify then the federal \$9.25 credit goes on you BT bill. Once qualify for federal lifeline program this qualifies you for BT lifeline internet which is like Edu-net program. Overall customer satisfaction service of BT is 90% which was the same as last year. Net promoter score dropped 4% but this is a trend on national that people are not happy with internet service. Can contact BT to get help or have questions.

Candidates

Steve May-Running for State Senate as a Democrat in the Democrat Primary on August 14th. Former Richmond Selectman. Have 15 years profession in addiction medication in Clinical Social Work.

Bob Rupert – Live in Ward 4. Running Chittenden 6.1 House seat. Running as Democrat. Not running in Primary. When went around to have petition signed major issues heard were gun control, property taxes, affordability and housing that people are concerned of. Served on school board, sit on board VT Veteran home and VT pension committee.

Zachary York-County Assistant Judge which is part County administrator and lay person judge and don't need to be a lawyer to be a judge and in VT constitution. This a four 4 term. Running as Democrat for Aug. 14th Primary. Background in legal justice studies and works State Judiciary.

Green rides. Christine Hill

Gotcha is not a non-profit but CATMA is a non-profit that contracts Gotcha. Greenrides is a Regional bikeshare that was launched on April 18, 2018. Green Ride Bikeshare provides fleet of bikes at designated a different location and available on demand on part of a connected network area. The bikes are blue and green. This service is trying to solve short distance trips by promoting biking and not using cars. This is an initiative of CATMA, CCRPC, UVM, Champlain College that put out a RFP which selected a South Carolina company called Gotcha which specializes in bikeshare systems on universities and small cities. The system is sponsored by companies such as AARP, UVM Medical Ben and Jerrys and Seven Generation. Have stations in Burlington, South Burlington and Winooski. Bikes have 7 gears that help get up a hill. Currently at phase 1 and have 17 stations in the region and expected to expand stations in phase two and three. Can sign up online and get an app. 3 membership levels, monthly, yearly and quick rides. Aiming to make this an equitable resource by having all social economic levels have access and will be adding e-bikes which will help with different mobility levels. Working with South Burlington and Burlington libraries to help people sign up and rent helmets. Will be giving free helmet giveaways every year. Bikes are equipped with lights and will be providing bike safety education workshop.

Elected Officials

Dave Hartnett, City Council-look into funding NPA. Went from 8k to \$400. Will see a process going forward in Memorial and will not sell a City owned building. Will have public process in 10 days will be receiving in the mail a survey of what Burlingtonians want to see. Will also test appetite on what the City wants to see in bonding. Will be going to different events, phone calls, and provide Language Access. Will have public forum in October and may by November or March be on ballot to request bond. Memorial is a historical building and had many events such as concerts, ceremonies, elections, boxing matches. Have neglected this building that has given a lot to the community. Need to spend time and resources to save the structural integrity. On ad-hoc of City Hall Park. Offered amendment on Monday that saved some trees and added new trees. From the start 70% was going to be cut now it's down to 40%. There are some healthy trees that will be saved too. Because other Ad-hoc working with Save City hall park there are some great compromise to save trees. Don't want to give up on

Moran just yet but the cost to remove and build is concerning. It's time to take down and cost was 1.2million but the latest figures has far exceeded this amount.

Ali Dieng, City Council-People raised concerned about Star Farm Dog Park to change hours or dog park to improve quality of life for the neighborhood. As member of Park committee will look into this. First Night Burlington is going taken on by BCA. The organization that used to manage First Night had a 20 staff and 12 months to plan. When the City received noticed that this organization no longer wants to do First Night the City stepped up to take up First Night. BCA will need help from the people. If want to help or have ideas contact BCA. In the New North End there was a switch treatment that backed up and the next day the President of Council contact the State to do a presentation. The council received presentation about Water treatment and switch treatment which is regulated at the State level in two packets and the system is not the same and simple. At the same time the City employees managing water treatment and switch treatment is doing an incredible job that our residency and lake is being cared for. Memorial Auditorium process is initiated by NPAs helped changed of the Mayor to save the building to do a public process. The survey will be mailed, online and on the electric bill. Think the plan in place for City Hall Park is modern that reflects the 21st century. Want to make City Hall Park modern and 100% behind the Mayor in the plan. Appreciate the Keep the Park Green as citizen engagement but need to move forward.

Martine Gulick, School Board-Starting to gel as a board to move the district forward to support climate and student learning. 6 board members voted to halt pre-school because of transparency. The language in the ballot did not mention building new infrastructure. Many people made public comment about this. Some issues of people who lived near the preschool development had issue because they didn't know about the development and there was a lack of public engagement. One of the development projects was on a wetland. Decided to halt and need more community engagement. On community engagement committee, there are also governance policy, curriculum, finance committees which will help the board understand more. Also chair BHS visioning committee which will be part of the community engagement committee. BHS is 7 stories and 6 building which poses issues for students with mobility issues. Other problems are old sewer and electrical. Classroom is 1960's model which doesn't work with 21st century learning styles. Also need another gym. On Oct 14 will be meeting with School board and in August will be meeting with Council to be on November ballot. One of the options is to use E building for Admin building or preschool. One question that came up is there a space in the City that is not being used for example spaces in Churches. Universal pre-k is happening and a huge need in the community. Will have open houses tours of BHS. Will make these tours an event with daycare and food. Do have a presentation on school district website.

Carol Ode, Representative of 6.1. Finally compromised and Governor will not sign. The Education and money committees met more than other committee. Had small business owners that said they entered contract with small credit card terminals but

didn't know the terms. Passed a law to prevent this. Law to remove redundancy in government in board and commissions. Law to require Uber to have insurance for passengers and if someone has DUI will require a certain amount of time that driver has to drive. Will be having increase in funding services for respite, in home and adult daycare. Funding 12 new level one mental health beds. Increase 400 million to mental health services for Howard Center. Put in one time 14 million in teacher pension and liability which will save the State over time. Have rainy day reserve and put over 9 million in Education fund. Lower personal income tax by 22%. Ave homestead tax is 1.5%. Trying to clean up general fund and education fund. Taking out flexible pathway programs out of education fund into general fund.

Meeting End. 9pm. Notes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO